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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BGEN, EAIR, GH

SUBJECT: SEC/JUSTICE INVESTIGATION: TEXTRON AND  
GHANA

REF: A) STATE 117005; B) ACCRA 3804

1. AMBASSADOR QUAISON-SACKEY CALLED AT DEPARTMENT JULY 27  
AT HIS REQUEST TO FOLLOW SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL'S  
INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES ON TEXTRON CASE.  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY WORKING ON CASE WAS ALSO  
PRESENT WHEN AMBASSADOR MET WITH AF/W. AMBASSADOR HAD  
THREE QUESTIONS: DID BRIBERY TAKE PLACE (IN CONNECTION  
SALE OF BELL HELICOPTERS TO GHANA IN 1971), WHO TOOK  
THE BRIBE, AND HOW WAS PAYMENT MADE AND WHERE IS THE  
MONEY?

2. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY EXPLAINED THAT AS CASE  
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IS STILL BEFORE GRAND JURY, RULES OF SECRECY PRECLUDE  
OUR RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS POSED. HE NOTED THAT GRAND  
JURY INVESTIGATION PROBABLY WILL BE COMPLETED BY END  
1978, AT WHICH TIME JUSTICE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO  
PROVIDE INFORMATION. SHOULD INDICTMENT RESULT FROM  
GRAND JURY SESSION JUSTICE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
GOG COOPERATION IN PROSECUTING CASE (E.G. TESTIMONY OF

GOG OFFICIAL).

3. AMBASSADOR QUAISON-SACKEY WAS SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATION. HE INDICATED THAT HE MAY ASK TEXTRON FOR INFORMATION.

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